

## **HCP&R NEWSLETTER**

**April 2021**

### **Gary Crane Cup**



The pursuit of the Gray Crane Cup for 2021 begins on Tuesday, April 6, when we travel to Cacapon State Park in Berkeley Springs for the first of our six qualifiers. The cost for 18 holes of golf with a

cart will be just \$20, and the first tee times begin at 1:00 p.m.

The format for the competition will be the same as previous years. Those wishing to compete for the Cup must play in at least three of the six qualifiers and turn in their scorecards to the pro shop after the round. From those scores, a handicap will be tabulated and applied at the Final Round, which will be held at Capon Springs Resort in October. Both a gross and a net champion will be crowned at the Final Round. Carrol Link (gross) and Glen Spaid (net) are the defending champions.

The rest of the outings have been tentatively scheduled as follows: May 11- The Woods; June 8- Franklin; July 13- The Pines in Morgantown; August 10- Snowshoe; September 14- Canaan.

Even if you're not interested in competing for the Crane Cup, come on out and join us for a relaxing round of golf at a great price on some of the area's premiere resort courses.

### **New Conference Center at Hampshire Park**



Work is progressing nicely on the new Conference Center at Hampshire Park. L&T Electric and D&D Plumbing have completed their preliminary work, and Blue Ridge Concrete Services poured and finished the concrete on the front porch and the interior of the building. Mark Roomsburg from Roomsburg Homes, LLC, completed the framing, and Dave Watts has finished work on the HVAC system. Thomas Lear from Mountaineer Insulation installed the insulation in the walls and the ceiling, and Dan Sweitzer from 3 D's Drywall put up the drywall and finished it. The interior painting is completed, and work on the interior trim and the drop ceilings in the main dining hall, the kitchen, and the conference room is moving along smoothly.

The 6,600-square-foot Conference Center will be heated and air conditioned for year-round use and will be available for a variety of functions, including:

1. 4-H Camp
2. Weddings
3. Wedding Receptions
4. Baby Showers

5. Business Meetings
6. Business Conferences
7. Family Reunions
8. Birthday Parties
9. Retreats
10. Camps for Organizations
11. Anniversary Celebrations
12. Craft Shows
13. Class Reunions
14. Picnics



If you have questions about the project, or if you are interested in contributing to it, call us at (304) 822-7300, or contact us via email at [hampshirecoparks@hotmail.com](mailto:hampshirecoparks@hotmail.com).



## Christmas Festival of Lights Fund Drive



Even though the Christmas Festival of Lights Fund Drive has concluded for another year, we continue to get donations. Thanks go out to Capon Valley Ruritan and the Moreland family in

memory of Lynwood Moreland for their generous donations last week. All told, 33 different donors have contributed a total of \$5,605 this year. We have received enough donations to purchase five new displays, three of which will be big displays to line the interior of the park. We also have adequate funds to make necessary repairs to any existing displays that need attention.

If you wanted to contribute but forgot to do it, we are still accepting donations. Contributions of any size are appreciated. If you just want to send in \$5 or \$10, every donation helps make the Festival that much better in 2021. And we'll list every contributor, no matter how big or how small the donation, on our website, [hampshirecountyparks.com](http://hampshirecountyparks.com)

Contributions may be mailed to HCP&R, P.O. Box 213, Romney, WV 26757, or delivered to the HCP&R Office at 90 North High Street any weekday between 9:00 and 1:00. If you'd like us to pick up your contribution, give us a call at (304) 822-7300, or email us at [hampshirecoparks@hotmail.com](mailto:hampshirecoparks@hotmail.com), and we'll make the necessary arrangements to come and get your donation at your home or place of business. Thank you for your support of this project!

## **Rentals at Old Capon Bridge Middle School**



**At the request of Superintendent Jeff Pancione and the Hampshire County Board of Education, HCP&R will not be renting the gymnasium at Old Capon Bridge Middle School for the near future. The Board has concerns about outside groups using the gym before or after elementary and middle school students use it. Without proper sanitizing, the risk of germs spreading is very high, and the one thing the Hampshire County Board of Education and HCP&R don't want to do is cause any kids to get sick. We will inform you when the gym becomes available again. If you have already scheduled a rental for the gym, call us at (304) 822-7300 and we will make arrangements to either refund your money or change the reservation to a later date. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but the safety of our kids always takes top priority.**

We are still making the cafeteria and kitchen at OCBMS available for rentals. Guidelines for their use will be as follows:

1. Groups are now restricted to 100 people or less
2. Masks must be worn at all times, except when eating
3. Proper social distancing (six feet apart) must be maintained at all times
4. No self-service of food
5. Frequently clean hands and utensils with sanitary wipes, hand sanitizer, or soap and water
6. Nothing attached to walls (tape or nails)
7. Sweep all floors and place all trash in trash cans
8. Smoking is prohibited on school grounds

New rates for rentals will be as follows:  
Four-Hour Block (8:00 am-noon; 1:00-5:00; 6:00-10:00): \$150 for Cafeteria (Kitchen included)

Full Day (8:00 am-10:00 pm): \$300 for Cafeteria (Kitchen included)



To rent these facilities, call us at (304) 822-7300, or you may contact us via email at [hampshirecoparks@hotmail.com](mailto:hampshirecoparks@hotmail.com). Get your reservation in now so you don't miss this chance to hold your event in our newly renovated facilities.



## Walk To Be Fit Program



The Walk To Be Fit Program began on April 1, 2021. Just stop by any FNB Bank branch (Fort Ashby, Romney, Hampshire Square, or Capon Bridge), the Hampshire Wellness and Fitness Center at Hampshire Square, or the Hampshire County Health Department in Augusta to register for

the program. When you register, don't forget to pick up your free pedometer and your tally sheet to log the miles that you walk.

We will recognize four milestones this year: 100, 250, 500, and 1,000 miles. When you reach one of those milestones, or when your tally sheet is filled, just return it to the location where you picked it up, and we will contact you when you are eligible for a prize.

Walking is great exercise on the path to a healthier lifestyle, and what could be better than receiving some nice prizes for your efforts? That's what Walk To Be Fit is all about.



If indoor exercise is more to your liking, HCP&R offers Kettlebell classes four days a week, on Sunday afternoon from 3:00 until 4:00, and on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from 6:00 until 7:00. All classes are now being held at Warrior Fitness, which is located at 60 West Sioux Lane in Romney.

Kettlebells are cast iron weights shaped like a ball with a handle for easy gripping. Kettlebells offer a different kind of training using dynamic moves targeting almost every aspect of fitness – endurance, strength, balance, agility and cardio endurance. People love it because it's challenging, efficient, and you only need one piece of equipment. Kettlebell classes are taught by certified instructors Kaleena Wilfong and Camilla Fout.

The cost for Kettlebell classes is \$5 per session, or for \$20 you may purchase a punch card that is good for five sessions. Also, we are now selling a monthly card for \$50.

Even if you've never tried Kettlebell before, come on out and see what it's all about. Mark your calendars today so you don't miss a chance to get some exercise while having a great time with your friends.

## Disc Golf Course at Camp Walker



When planning your outdoor activities, don't forget about the Camp Walker Disc Golf Course. We have made several improvements to the course over the past year. We installed tee-marker posts for all the holes to make each teeing area more visible. We are also providing scorecards and course maps, both of which can be found in the mailbox beside the first tee.

The first tee is located on the flat ground out past the pavilion, where the road turns to the left and starts down over the hill toward the exit to the park. We have also installed new tee markers with the Camp Walker logo on them for each hole.

If you're looking for a disc to play at Camp Walker, then we have several options for you. We have Skeeters, which are all-purpose discs that are suitable for every shot, for sale in the HCP&R office for just \$7.00 each. We also have

commemorative glow-in-the-dark drivers and putters that have the official Camp Walker logo on them for \$15.00 each. All proceeds from the sale of these discs go for improvements to the course.

If you haven't been out to Camp Walker to play the course, you really need to take an hour or so and try it. I feel certain that you will find disc golf both physically and mentally challenging. Plus, it's a great opportunity to spend some time in one of the prettiest spots in Hampshire County. **And it's free to play.** Now that's a deal I know you don't want to miss!

## Pavilion and Park Reservations



On Monday, January 4, HCP&R began taking pavilion and park reservations for the 2021 season. The rental season extends from April 15 through October 15. Before and after those dates, running water will not be available in any of our parks.

Pavilions for picnics, family reunions, or any other outdoor gathering may be rented at either Hampshire Park or Afton and Pauline Malick Central Hampshire Park. Prices for the entire day run from \$35 to \$45, depending on the size of the pavilion rented. You may also rent the amphitheater at Central Hampshire for only \$55 per day.

If you have a larger gathering, you may want to rent an entire park, either at Green Spring Park (\$40 to \$95, depending on facilities desired) or

Camp Walker (\$75 for the whole park the entire day, including the disc golf course). All our parks now have electric outlets, running water, and restroom facilities.

To rent a pavilion or park, or just to get more information, call the HCP&R office any weekday between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at (304) 822-7300. We will also accept reservations via our email at [hampshirecoparks@hotmail.com](mailto:hampshirecoparks@hotmail.com). Don't forget to get your reservations in early so you don't miss out on that special place for your picnic or outing.

“Recreation brings quality to life.”

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1:00 p.m.**

